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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, MARR, LE, IS  
SUBJECT: UNIFIL: SYG WALDHEIM'S REMARKS ON UNIFIL  
SECURITY

1. SUMMARY: DURING TOAST AT SECURITY COUNCIL MONTHLY  
LUNCHEON ON MAY 15, WALDHEIM STRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER  
EXTREME DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING UN FORCES IN SOUTH  
LEBANON; HE MIGHT HAVE TO REQUEST RETURN TO COUNCIL  
TO REAFFIRM UNIFIL MANDATE. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION LATER  
WITH AMB MCHENRY, WALDHEIM REITERATED HIS HEIGHTENED  
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CONCERN. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS SENDING OUT UNDER SECRE-  
TARY GUYER TO DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT  
ASSAD, LEBANESE OFFICIALS, AND ARAFAT. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WENT OUT OF HIS WAY DURING  
TOAST AT MONTHLY SECURITY COUNCIL LUNCHEON TO EXPRESS  
HIS CONCERN OVER SITUATION HINDERING THE IMPLEMENTATION

OF SC RES 425 AND THE MOUNTING THREAT TO UNIFIL TROOPS. HE NOTED PRESENCE OF VARIOUS ARMED ELEMENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT INFILTRATION. RECENT INCIDENTS THREATENED VIABILITY OF UNIFIL. WITH UNIFIL CONFRONTING THESE EXTREME DIFFICULTIES, SYG MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE ISSUE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO REAFFIRM MANDATE OF UN FORCE.

3. AFTER LUNCHEON, WALDHEIM APPROACHED MCHENRY TO REITERATE KEY POINTS OF HIS TOAST. HE SAID HE WAS INDEED TROUBLED BY RECENT INCIDENTS AND PROBLEM OF ARMED PALESTINIANS AND OTHER ARMED ELEMENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WAS SENDING UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL GUYER TO DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD, LEBANESE LEADERS, AND ARAFAT. IMMEDIATE PROBLEM WAS THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN SOUTH LEBANON; HE HOPED GUYER'S VISIT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN THIS REGARD.

4. TURNING TO QUESTION OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, WALDHEIM CHARACTERIZED GENERAL SIILASVUO'S MEETING WITH ISRAELI COS AS A FAILURE AND SAID THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT ISRAEL WAS PREPARED TO SET DATE OF WITHDRAWAL. WALDHEIM COMMENTED THAT HE IS HAVING TROUBLE IN HOLDING LINE WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS HERE IN LIGHT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ISRAEL'S FAILURE TO SET A DATE. SYG ADDED THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE GREATLY ANY EFFORTS WE MADE TO SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS IN URGING ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW AND IN SUPPORTING HIS APPROACHES IN DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT. MCHENRY

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